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USDA Officials:

WE NEED COOL IMPLEMENTED NOW!!

I have been reading the comments made by those of you at USDA concerning your reasons that the COOL legislation can't be implemented as Congress has written the law. I was equally amazed that when you were accepting comments, you only allowed those that were against COOL to testify. Why is that? There were no producers, feeders or consumer groups allowed to testify. The NCBA was there but they don't represent many producers. I don't know why you put as much value in the NCBA as you do. According to my information, they are loosing membership every day. They must play patty-fingers under the bed sheets better!!

I thought that USDA was to represent all of the US citizens, not just the few with the most dollars.

It makes me wonder: How much did the packers and the Canadian Government pay each of you to go to bed with them? It must of been big bucks! Apparently we producers and consumers didn't pay enough for the privilege.

You also stated that you couldn't use the same program that is used to provide meat to schools. Therefore cattle would need to have a national ID. I agree there needs to be a national ID, but not for livestock. You, Miss Ann Venomous, what a snake in the grass you are, and your phony cronies are in need of an ID. We producers and consumers need to know who you are in bed with each night, and that includes those from Canada, since you are in such a rush to open our borders. Canada must pay better wages than we do here in the US. Why don't you move up there and live. You represent them better than you do the US producer and consumer.

And why is it that fruits and vegetables, pork, as well as beef can't be labeled with COOL, yet the fish industries will be able to label their product? What's going on here? Something's a little fishy here!! You and your cronies must have fish markets or fish farms.

Why is it that it will not cost any more to implement COOL to do business with Japan and Korea and other foreign export markets? Aren't you using the same program that is used in the school meat program? Seems strange that foreign markets can demand COOL but

the US consumers can't. And what about Canada using their own COOL system since their BSE, yet they don't want US consumers to use the same type of program. Two different standards. "Do as I say, not as I do." And what about all the other nations that are using their own type of COOL? If COOL works for these nations, it can work for us in the US without costing an arm and leg.

There is a ID system in place today. It is called a BRAND. That brand is recorded to an individual or company of the state in which they reside, or have livestock in that state. That animal carries the brand for as long as they live. When the animal is sold, the "change of ownership" goes with the animal until it has been branded by the new owner or has been turned into beef or dies. Now, what is so difficult too understand about that? Each state and producers needs to have control over their ID'S, not the USDA.

With the BSE (mad cow disease) case in Canada and the green onions from Mexico, animals in Japan under 30 months of age with BSE, and now the cow in Washington State, I would think USDA would be more receptive to COOL. And why did it take so long for you at USDA to make the announcement that the cow was a product of Canada? You had the Canadian tag! Apparently the health of the consuming public and the health of the US livestock industry doesn't count as much as cash under the table from Canada. Had COOL been implemented when the BSE cow was found in Washington, I'm sure most of our foreign markets would have continued to purchase beef born, raised and harvested in the US. Thanks to you, we producers have lost a very valuable foreign market.

I also read USDA's projected costs to implement COOL. How can it cost that much when every thing is already in place. All that is needed is to ID all foreign produce and products. "Figures don't lie, but liars do figure." It appears to me there are a lot of liars at USDA, since the Congressional Watch-dog, GAO, can't make your figures work and has made recommendations to follow the school meat programs. Most of you must be clinton's cousins. He was a good teacher, and you good students. Is doesn't mean is. A lie is the truth. You swear to tell a lie and anything but the truth. Did he teach you or did you teach him the art of deception?

If President Bush had any back bone, he'd fired all of you and replace you with someone that could follow the law as written and give consumers a choice. Apparently he must have believed it was a good law or he wouldn't have signed the bill into law. I have called his office and have asked for his support of COOL, since he signed the bill into law, and for your resignation. 202-456-1111 is the White House number isn't it? If he doesn't lop off a few heads at USDA, he just may loose the next election. From all the reports that I have read, USDA has become a noose around his neck.

It appears to me that USDA is trying to force US producers out of business. As consumers, we will need to depend on all foreign produce and products. Have you seen oil prices go down since we are dependant on foreign oil. No, you haven't! Food prices won't

go down either once foreign countries find we can't produce our own food.

Since Canadian beef has come into the US, we have not eaten out and we won't until we can be sure we are eating US beef. We'll stay home and eat our own!

Ms. Venomous, you are a long way from being the sharpest tack in the box, nor are you the brightest light on the beach. I don't know what kind of a nit-wit you are, but those under you needs to be one grade ahead of you and they would look like rocket scientists. What is needed is to have your head lopped off and have it tested for "Stupid Woman Disease." I sure hope its not contagious. If it is, all at USDA are in a world of hurt. I also understand from Senator Grassley that you believe you are Queen Ann. Isn't that amazing.

You prevented a vote and overturned the producer check-off referendum. You over-rode the pork producers check-off after a majority had voted against it. What don't you understand about majority rule? You must be a dictator! These check-offs have been to court and USDA has lost so far. You are standing in the way and preventing the implementation of COOL. You are opening the doors to foreign meats and produce and products and allowing the US to become a dumping ground of the world while these countries are become rich at our expense, due to the differences in the value of each countries currencies compared to the value of the dollar. They can't afford our products. You were asked not to allow downer cattle to be used for food, and it took a BSE cow from Washington to get that program implemented. Now that downer cattle can't be used for food in the US, what type of program do you have in place to prevent downer cattle from entering the food chain from foreign countries? None, I'll bet! You support the packers by allowing packer ownership of livestock. You won't enforce the Packers and Stockyard Act of 1921. It is taking private citizens of this country going to court to enforce the Act. They are doing what you should be doing. Of course, you do need to read above the first grade level to understand this!! Just what the hell good are you and your cronies anyway, except to get your check each month. Get the hell out of the way and go back to Canada!

STOP PLAYING AROUND WITH THE CONSUMER AND PRODUCER WITH YOUR LIES AND DECEPTION. GET COOL IMPLEMENTED NOW. STOP LYING ABOUT THE HIGH COSTS TO IMPLEMENT COOL!! EVERYTHING IS ALREADY IN PLACE!

One pissed off producer and consumer,

Jerry Faddis